

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 2 and 7-19, as amended, and new claims 20-24 appear in this application for the Examiner's review and consideration.

The office action notes that claims 4 and 7-14 would be allowable if re-written in independent form. Accordingly, claim 1 has been amended to recite the features of claim 4 and is now allowable. As claims 2 and 7-14 depend from claim 1, these claims are also allowable.

Applicants also present new claims 20-24. New claim 20 is, effectively, an independent claim that combines the features of claims 1 and 7-14. Based on the statement in the office action, this claim is allowable. New claims 21-22 are pharmaceutical composition claims that are based on claims 15-16. As these claims depend from claim 20, they are also allowable.

New claims 23-24 are method claims that are similar to method claims 16-17 but that depend from claim 20. As these method claims depend from allowable composition claims, they should be re-joined and allowed at this time.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the entire application is now in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated.

Date: 1/26/07

Respectfully submitted,

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Allan A. Fanucci (Reg. No. 30,256)

**WINSTON & STRAWN LLP**  
CUSTOMER NO. 28765  
(212) 294-3311